

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-7 are cancelled and new claims 8-14 are presented. Support for new claims 8-14 can be found, for example, in the present specification at page 16, lines 14 to 22, and in original claims 1-7. No new matter is added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The Office Action asserts that a substitute specification in idiomatic English is required. Applicants submit that the text of present specification is presented in perfectly readable English that would be readily understood by a skilled artisan having a working understanding of the English language. Accordingly, Applicants submit that a substitute specification is not required. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if specific informalities are identified in a future action, Applicants will willingly make any necessary corrections.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

A. Fenn

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over WO 01/74499 to Fenn et al. ("Fenn"). By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

B. Johnson

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,910,281 to Johnson ("Johnson"). By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are cancelled, rendering

the rejection moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Fenn, Kucera and Katsura

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Fenn in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,902,766 to Kucera ("Kucera") or U.S. Patent No. 5,910,370 to Katsura et al. ("Katsura"). By this Amendment, claims 1-7 are cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

B. Johnson, Kucera and Katsura

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Johnson in view of Kucera or Katsura. By this Amendment, claims 1-7 are cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

New Claims

By this Amendment, new claims 8-14 are presented. New claim 8 recites "[a] method of coating a substrate, comprising: applying a primer composition to a polyolefin resin substrate or a (meth)acrylate resin substrate; wherein the primer composition comprises a polymer (A) having a unit of a (meth)acrylic ester monomer (a) in which acryloyloxy group or methacryloyloxy group is bonded to secondary carbon atom or tertiary carbon atom" (emphasis added).

None of the references cited in the outstanding Office Action discloses or suggests a method in which the particular primer composition recited in claim 8 is applied to the

particular substrate recited in claim 8. In particular, none of the cited references discloses a method in which a primer composition including a polymer having a unit of a (meth)acrylic ester monomer in which an acryloyloxy group or a methacryloyloxy group is bonded to a secondary carbon atom or a tertiary carbon atom is applied to a polyolefin resin substrate or a (meth)acrylate resin substrate. As described in the present specification, when applied to a polyolefin resin substrate or a (meth)acrylate resin substrate, the primer composition recited in claim 8 provides superior adhesive properties (peel strength). *See, e.g.*, present specification, page 16, lines 14 to 22. The cited references fail to disclose or suggest the combination of features recited in claim 8, or recognize the benefits stemming therefrom.

New claims 9-14 depend from claim 8 and, thus, are also believed to be patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 8.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claims 8-14 are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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